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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b),
is a Continuation application of PCT International Application
No. PCT/JP00/01477 filed on March 10, 2000.

Inventor(s): YAMASHITA, Yoichiro

For: BIODEGRADABLE CELLULOSE ACETATE STRUCTURE AND TOBACCO
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Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of fifty-one (51) pages
- ☒ One (1) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☒ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Executed Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Photocopy
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment

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☒ Priority of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/01477 filed on March 10, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

--This application is a Continuation of PCT International Application No. filed on , which was published in English and which designated the United States, and on which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

☒ Priority of Application No. 11-065235 filed in JAPAN on March 11, 1999 is claimed under U.S.C. § 119.

☒ Other: International Search Report

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Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a), the applicant(s) hereby claim(s) the right of priority based on the following application(s):

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JAPAN	11-065235	March 11, 1999

A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

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